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Column One
BY David Courtney

THE quarrel between Dr. Mossadegh and the Shah may prove serious. The Persian Premier has taken to the immunity of the Majlis so often that the world has grown indifferent to his tantrums. Again in the security of the Teheran Officers' Club instead of in the doubtful immunity of the Majlis, Dr. Mossadegh has this time got himself into a conflict that has the makings of civil war. In Washington, and perhaps now in London, it may seem to have the makings of a revolutionary conflict, with the Tudeh Party rising through the smoke and flame to control at least the northern half of the country. That, of course, is not the immediate likelihood. The quarrel with the Shah may momentarily die down. The subsidiary dispute between Mossadegh and Muilah Kashani may become temporarily quiescent. The Tudeh Party's opportunity to ally itself with the national struggle group within the National Front and to work up to leadership of the anti-Shah movement may be postponed a little. Dr. Mossadegh may even go to the people with his threatened referendum and come back apparently triumphant; for he controls the entire electoral apparatus. But his way is almost certain to become increasingly stony and, short of some miracle, to lead to more violence.

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THE dispute between the Shah and Dr. Mossadegh is of long standing. Ostensibly, it is due to the fact that the Shah, as supreme authority over the armed forces of the State, has refused to delegate powers to the Premier, who is also Minister of Defence. Some time ago Dr. Mossadegh threatened to issue a statement claiming Court intrigues against him unless his wishes about the army were complied with. But the Court was ready with a statement of counter-charges. The Shah and his Premier therefore met for four hours on February 24; and it was stated afterwards that they had composed their differences. Failure to have done so, said Dr. Mossadegh at the time, could have created "one of the most serious situations for the country and could have led to bloodshed and civil war. Thank God this has been prevented." The agreement has broken down and now it remains to be seen how much longer bloodshed and civil war can be prevented.

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A satisfactory oil settlement with the West might smooth Dr. Mossadegh's way for the time being. But although the new proposals submitted by Mr. Henderson, the American Ambassador, on February 20, are more to the Premier's liking than the earlier Anglo-American plan, the chance of their being accepted as they stand is regarded as small. They include a U.S. offer to purchase oil to the value of 135 million dollars and to pay most of this sum in advance. They are said also to make provisions for Persia to sell a certain amount of crude and refined oil to any firm or country it may please her to sell to. But the question of compensation to the Anglo-Iranian Company evidently remains an obstacle, and it is believed that Dr. Mossadegh will ask for fresh proposals on this question before consenting to enter negotiations for a final agreement.

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IT is difficult to know whether his position in relation to the new U.S. Administration has become weaker or stronger as a result of the latest unrest in Teheran. Already towards the end of Mr. Truman's office the State Department had come to the conclusion that events in Persia could easily and swiftly turn against Dr. Mossadegh and create conditions favourable for a pro-Communist coup. It is probable that the new Secretary of State has accepted that conclusion, which the most recent disorders in Teheran may have confirmed. What, then, can the United States do? It can hasten an agreement with Mossadegh by which financial aid could be made available at once; or — as has been seriously suggested — it can write off the northern half of Persia and resolve upon the forcible occupation of the southern, oil-producing half. The second alternative is dangerous, but it might easily come to that if Mossadegh should seem to be tottering and the pro-Soviet Tudeh Party to be making a bid for power.

Jerusalem, March 4.

SYRIAN-LEBANESE PACT

DAMASCUS, Tuesday (Reuter). — A new economic agreement between Syria and the Lebanon will be signed in Damascus on Thursday, it was officially announced today.

The new agreement is considered transitory for six months during which negotiations will continue for a lasting agreement establishing full economic unity between the two countries.

200 Arrested in Iran; Majlis Fails to Meet

TEHERAN, Tuesday (Reuter). — A wave of arrests swept the Persian capital today in its fourth day of political turmoil as Prime Minister Mohammed Mossadegh sought to quell more demonstrations. Some former Cabinet ministers, a former provincial Commander in Chief, 200 Communists, three Army Generals, Senators and five newspapermen fell into police hands.

The Majlis Speaker, Ayatullah Kashani, ordered his followers not to attend the session this morning because the new Army Chief of Staff appointed by Mossadegh changed the head of the Majlis guard yesterday. The Speaker wrote to Mossadegh that many members felt they lacked security inside the Majlis.

The Premier had given the Majlis until today to give him a vote of confidence in his struggle with the Shah. But because of the President's action the Majlis did not meet.

Tonight the Premier repeated his challenge that if his vote is not granted he would hold a popular referendum.

Plot Against Premier

The Government Security Committee, meeting in the Premier's home, approved a list of 470 persons alleged to have been involved in a plot against Mossadegh's regime, according to the evening newspaper "Keihan."

Marshal Shahbakhti, former C-in-C in Azerbaijan, Jamal Imami, ex-opposition leader in the Majlis, and Hosein Hussein Forouhar, former Finance Minister, were among those arrested today and accused of plotting against the Government.

Two former Chiefs of the General Staff were among those listed for arrest—Marshal Amir Ahmad, also former War Minister and Military Governor of Teheran, and General Garzen.

The 200 Communists were seized when police broke up a march down the main streets towards the Majlis square guarded by troops and tanks.

The Communists, who started their own demonstrations this week during the uproar between supporters of the Shah and Mossadegh yelled "Yankee go home" and "Down with the American advisers."

U.S. Adopts Inactive Policy on Crisis

WASHINGTON, Tuesday (UP). —An authoritative diplomatic source said last night that Secretary of State Dulles does not intend to take any initiative in the Iran crisis for the present, but had adopted a "wait and see" policy.

The source also said that Mr. Dulles, unlike his predecessor, Mr. Dean Acheson, was not calling on Britain to make further concessions in the oil negotiations.

It said that reports from Teheran indicate that Premier Mossadegh appears not to have lost courage during the crisis and certainly appears to have no intention of letting go of the reins of power.

The source pointed out that Dr. Mossadegh was able to dismiss his Chief of Staff without any apparent opposition from the Shah or other army leaders.

Soviet Asks Probe Of Iran Border Incident

TEHERAN, Tuesday (AP). — Soviet Ambassador Ivan Sadtchikov today requested the Iranian government to investigate a February 2 border incident during which, the Russians charge, Iranian border guards advanced 250 metres on an island in the Caspian region.

Foreign Minister Hussein Fatemi told the Press today that there has been no report yet to the Iranian authorities regarding the incident. The island apparently is a disputed area.

Bill Provides Death Sentence For High Treason

A new draft of a Bill for the Punishment of Crimes against the State was tabled in the Knesset yesterday. It embodies provisions relevant to offences against the State found in the Emergency Legislation left over from the Mandate and Laws passed by the Knesset, and provides the death penalty for treason in time of war.

The draft tabled yesterday is only slightly different from that projected previously, mainly in the chapter dealing with the offences in divulging official secrets.

The bill provides 10 years prison for participation in illegal organizations. Ranking officers in illegal armed forces would be punishable by life imprisonment under the draft.

A subversive organization, according to the Bill, would be one which plots against the security of the State of Israel or against the security of the Jewish People advocates such action.

The new draft does not contain the clause providing punishment for the publication of proceedings of secret sessions of the Knesset, the Cabinet or Knesset committees.

It would be criminal, according to the bill, to "incite against a foreign state or its representative" if this could endanger friendly or diplomatic relations between the State of Israel and the foreign state. The punishment provided is 10 years in prison.

An amendment to the Military Law now in force was also tabled in the Knesset yesterday. It would abolish the right of commanders to "stop leave" for soldiers as a disciplinary punishment, but authorizes higher fines. The punishment for theft of military property would be increased from the two-year maximum to three years, while use of military property for non-military purposes would constitute a separate offence liable to lighter sentences.

A new offence is introduced: malicious propaganda liable to undermine the morale of the Army.

Israel Agrees To Cancel Ban On Bonn Shipping

The Government has agreed to the Bonn Government's request for the cancellation of the clause in the reparations agreement forbidding the use of German ships for the transport of goods, a Foreign Ministry spokesman stated at Hakirya yesterday.

He explained that transport of the goods would be organized by the Israel mission in Germany and the preference given to Israel shipping in the agreement would thus be automatically assured.

The German Federal Government applied to the Government of Israel with a request to cancel the clause immediately after the discussion of the agreement in the Bundesrat. The request was based on the argument that with its ratification the agreement became an internal law and if it were not changed the Bonn parliament would find itself passing discriminatory legislation against German shipping.

Original Clause

The original clause was included in a letter Number 5a attached to the agreement which reads (in part) as follows:

"The Government of the Federal Republic of Germany intend that commodities not shipped under the terms of Paragraph 1 hereof (which refers to commodities carried by Israel vessels) shall be carried in shipping space to be made available by the Federal Republic of Germany; the ships to be used shall be ships sailing under the flag of a third country, and the payment of freight shall be effected in Deutsche Mark out of moneys set aside for the provision of services."

Bonn Asks for Planes For Refugee Airlift

BONN, Tuesday (AP) — The West German Government has asked America, Britain and France to consider lending military planes to fly thousands of refugees from Berlin reception centres into the interior.

At daybreak today, about 8,000 persons from the Russian zone lined up for registration as political refugees in the British sector of Berlin. Half of them had arrived this morning.

Refugee officials were feverishly searching for shelter for the newcomers because the 85 camps in the American, British and French sectors are filled by the 5,000 East Germans who had arrived over the weekend. The city authorities have been discussing with the Allies and industrial firms the possibility of making halls and gymnasia available for refugees.

Among yesterday's arrivals were 200 farmers who fled the Russian zone with their families because of "increased pressure on big farmers." East Germany's Deputy Premier, Walter Albricht, indicated in a weekend speech that the state did not care how many farmers fled. "Our Republic is not harmed if big farmers go West," he said.

Rabbi Israel Goldstein, President of the American Jewish Congress, discussed with Jewish leaders in Berlin today the problem of Jewish refugees from the East.

Eden Seeks U.S. Support On Suez; Israel Invites Dulles

'Not Less for Israel, but More for Arabs'

POST Political Correspondent

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — The Middle East policy of the U.S. State Department is to "equalize support for Israel and the other countries in this area."

A U.S. Embassy source told The POST that this did not mean that support for Israel would be lessened, but would result in an increase in the help given the Arab states.

The U.S. wished to remain friends with all the states in this area, the source said, pointing out that it was sometimes difficult for two rivals to appreciate that a third party was intent on maintaining its friendly relations with both, and might be inclined to view a friendly approach to the other party as a negative attitude towards himself.

This, it was stressed, was a false view

M.E. Trip 'to Bolster U.S. Prestige'

WASHINGTON, Tuesday (UP). — Mr John Foster Dulles, U.S. Secretary of State, has told Mr. Abba Eban, Israel Ambassador, that he hoped to be able to accept an Israel invitation to visit Israel, it was learned today. Mr. Eban, on behalf of Foreign Minister Sharett, had invited the Secretary of State last Thursday to visit Israel if he contemplated a trip in the area.

The State Department spokesman, Mr. Michael McDermott, said today that he knew Mr. Dulles would like to visit the Middle East but that such a trip could not be made for at least two months.

He pointed out that Mr. Dulles would attend U.S. Assembly sessions from next Monday and that he had to attend the NATO meeting in Paris which begins on April 23.

"Obviously any visit by Mr. Dulles to the Middle East will have to wait until after the NATO meeting," Mr. McDermott said.

The Associated Press reports that Mr. Dulles was considering a trip to the Middle East in an effort to bolster American prestige there.

The trip would be aimed at demonstrating American friendship with the Arab Governments, which are regarded as the key to counteracting intensified Russian activity.

Responsible diplomats pointed out that no American Secretary of State had ever gone through the Middle East to talk with Government leaders and learn their problems firsthand.

To Counter Russians

They believe that such a trip would counter a Russian drive to exploit current Arab disappointment with past American policy and hasten the creation of a West-backed Middle East defence organization.

The trip would confirm Mr. Dulles' announced intention to tour the world. He has already visited West Europe and shortly before becoming Secretary of State he toured the Far East.

President Dwight Eisenhower, in an apparent shift in American policy, made clear yesterday that the U.S. intends to pay more attention to the Arabs during his administration. Diplomatic authorities said that the President was outlining a new approach for the Middle East which involved strict fairness and impartiality towards all countries, including Israel.

Officials emphasized that these new policies would not in any sense be anti-Israel, but the shift apparently rules out, or sharply limits, any special consideration for Israel.

In a statement prepared for the American Association of the U.N., Senator Arthur Wiley, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, declared, "The Middle East could explode any day" and unbalance the world situation.

"The Soviet Union would like nothing better than for the U.S. to become so preoccupied with Korea that we take our eyes from the critical situation in the Middle East," he said.

'No New U.S. Policy Affecting Israel'

WASHINGTON, Tuesday (INA). —"As far as the State Department is concerned, there is no new policy affecting Israel," the Department's press officer, Mr. Michael McDermott, said yesterday commenting on reports of a new American Middle East policy more favourable to the Arabs and less so to Israel.

U.S. Urged to Brake Arms to Egypt

WASHINGTON, Tuesday (UP). — The American Zionist Council asked Secretary of State John Foster Dulles yesterday to withhold arms from Egypt and other Arab states until they make peace with Israel and agree to join a Middle East defence organization.

The Council also called for economic and military assistance to Israel "whose pro-democratic position has never been questioned and who finds herself under savage attack by the Kremlin because of it." The Council also asked for a statement from Mr. Dulles "reaffirming American friendship for Israel in order to disabuse the Arab states of any belief that the U.S. will be indifferent to their efforts to exploit the new Soviet attitude in order to destroy Israel."

El Masry Egypt's Envoy in Moscow

CAIRO, Tuesday (AP). — Moscow has approved the appointment of the former Inspector-General of the Egyptian Army, Aziz el Masry, as Ambassador to Russia.

El Masry, with two other officers, tried to fly to Germany during the war, but were stopped when their plane was grounded in northern Egypt, and interned. He was previously named Ambassador to Bonn, but never left to take up the post.

ROBERTSON IN IRAQ

CAIRO, Tuesday (Reuter). — General Sir Brian Robertson Commander-in-Chief British Middle East Land Forces, visited Iraq today but a British military spokesman here said last night there was "no particular significance" in this. He was commenting on reports that the visit was connected with the Persian situation.

General Robertson has paid regular visits to Cyprus, Jordan and Iraq which were part of his Command responsibilities, the spokesman added.

Cairo Talks Put Off Until Next Week

LONDON, Tuesday (UP). — Britain today postponed until next week the opening of formal discussions in Cairo on the future of the Canal Zone and of British forces in Egypt.

The talks which were to have begun in a few days have been delayed to allow for prior Anglo-American consultations in Washington, according to authoritative sources here.

Foreign Secretary Eden, now on his way to the U.S., was understood to be seeking a close alignment of Anglo-American views on Middle East policy before embarking on full-dress negotiations with Egypt.

Britain hopes for a united front on Middle East policy and defence which she considers an essential condition for an effective defence establishment there.

(In Cairo earlier today, Reuter reports, Mr. Jefferson Caffery, U.S. Ambassador had a meeting with Foreign Minister Mahmoud Fawzi).

Security Arrangements

Mr. Eden is expected to inform Secretary of State John Foster Dulles of Britain's plans for a settlement and of wider aspects of Middle East security arrangements.

The British view is still that the Canal Zone should remain the chief base in any forthcoming Middle East defence scheme although she is now understood to be willing to agree that the defence of the Zone should become the responsibility of Egypt.

Egypt has agreed to the delay.

Although unconditional evacuation remains the only basis for the talks it is increasingly recognised and admitted in official Egyptian circles that Western military experts — most probably Britons in civilian clothes — will be called to help the Egyptian armed forces maintain the Suez Canal base for the purpose for which it has been created and built up to its present high standard of military importance.

According to a usually well-informed source quoted by Reuter, British briefs for the talks are still being worked on in the Foreign Office and have yet to be submitted to the Cabinet.

Bomb Attempt Fails Against Peron

BUENOS AIRES, Tuesday (AP). — A powerful bomb planted in the luggage cloakroom exploded in a railway station here late yesterday, a few minutes before President Ivan Peron's train arrived bringing him home from a state visit to Chile.

It was unofficially learned that one boy was cut about the face.

The cloakroom was just off the main concourse of Buenos Aires' largest station. It would have been a disaster on a normal day, but for Sr. Peron's home-coming the station had been cleared of all but officials.

All shops and factories in the Argentine capital were closed during the day and tens of thousands of workers turned out to welcome the President.

Semi-official sources said investigators are convinced the bomb was similar to bombs that blasted the windows of the Line-ha Library, operated by the United States Information Service and damaged a Jewish synagogue last year.

Another Nun Held In Orphans' Abduction

GRENOBLE, Tuesday (Reuter). —The Mother Superior of a Marseilles convent was arrested here today in connection with the disappearance of two Jewish war orphans.

She is the second Mother Superior to be implicated in the case of Robert and Gerard Finaly, 10 and 11, who vanished after a court ordered their Roman Catholic foster-mother to hand them over to two aunts.

Jodl Exonerated By German Court

MUNICH, Tuesday (Reuter).—A German de-nazification court today posthumously exonerated Colonel General Alfred Jodl of the crimes for which the allies hanged him at Nuremburg in 1946.

Jodle, army Chief of Staff and Operations in the supreme command of the Wehrmacht, was sentenced to death by the International War Crimes Tribunal. The proceedings before the de-nazification court were to decide on the ownership of Jodl's estate.

The court found Jodl had as a soldier restricted himself to operational questions which in accordance with their military character were in no way against international law.

AFTER MIDNIGHT

Greece's coalition opposition split last night as General Nicholas Plastiras, head of the National Progressive Union of the Centre (EPEK), dismissed three of its leaders, and Stephanos Venizelos, leader of the Liberals, said he would no longer act as Parliamentary joint spokesman for the two parties. Plastiras said the three were "involved in a conspiracy aimed at replacing the leadership."

Republican Senators Amend Yalta Resolve

WASHINGTON, Tuesday (UP). —Republicans in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee outvoted the Democrats today to amend President Dwight Eisenhower's resolution condemning "Russia's perversion" of wartime agreements.

The amendment, offered by the Senate Republican leader, Mr. Robert Taft, added the words, "Adoption of this resolution does not constitute any determination by Congress as to the validity or invalidity of any of the provisions of the said agreements or understandings."

The amendment was submitted despite an appeal by the Secretary of State last week not to alter it because a major split on the issue would almost completely undermine the results hoped for.

Democratic members of the Committee opposed the amendment considering it an implied attack on the late President Roosevelt and on President Truman who negotiated the Yalta and Potsdam agreements respectively.

Agency Executive To Meet in Zurich

The Jewish Agency Executive will hold plenary sessions in Zurich before and after the world Jewish conference, the Executive decided at its meeting in Jerusalem on Monday. Mr. Beri Locker, Executive chairman, reported on the conference and the representatives who will participate.

Discussions on the United Israel Campaign in Canada are to be continued at Zurich with Canadian delegates to the conference. Mr. Moshe Kol, head of Youth Aliya, reported on immigrant youth at Ein Harod.

AGUDA REJECTS BID TO ZURICH PARLEY

LONDON, Tuesday (INA). — The European Executive of the Agudat Yisrael World Organization has rejected an invitation to take part in the Zurich world Jewish conference on the advice of its Rabbinical Council, it was learned here today.

Knesset Body Urges Delegation to Zurich

The Knesset Foreign Affairs and Security Committee yesterday recommended that Knesset factions send delegations to the World Jewish conference in Zurich. Mr. I. Ben Aharon (Mapam) said he would appeal against this proposal to the House Committee.

Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett reported to the Committee on the international situation. Mr. S. Eliashiv, former envoy to Moscow, related the events of the last days of the Israel Mission in Moscow.

Changes in Equalization Fund Not to Raise Prices

Basic changes in calculating payments for the Price Equalization Fund to be put into effect this month are not expected to bring about a general rise in the price level, Ministry of Commerce and Industry sources disclosed yesterday in Jerusalem.

Department heads have already instructed their respective staffs to collect payments direct from importers on goods arriving in the ports, instead of collecting them from wholesalers and manufacturers, which was the general practice until now.

The Price Coordinator has already fixed the new rates, for the most part in percentages, but in lump sums for some commodities. Formerly, no general percentages were fixed and charges were levelled on new commodities individually.

According to Ministry sources, actual payments would drop somewhat in most cases. Some commodities have also been dropped from the list.

Higher Price For British Securities

The price in Israel pounds to be paid to owners of British securities which were compulsorily sold to the Government will be 280 per cent of the nominal price indicated in the respective orders for each individual security, according to a Bill tabled in the Knesset yesterday.

Those owners who accepted the lower price previously announced will receive the difference, irrespective of whether they were paid in cash or with dollar-linked bonds (Tavei Dollar).

Both the full price and the difference between the old and new prices will be paid in the form of government securities, the particulars of which will be determined by the Ministry of Finance with the consent of the Finance Committee of the Knesset. These new securities will be freely negotiable and exempt from the revenue stamp tax. The Minister, with the consent of the Finance Committee, may also declare the new issue free from income tax and company profits tax.

(Under the original order which became the object of litigation, the price in Israel pounds to be paid was 180 per cent of the market value in Sterling of the securities concerned.)

Hungarian Cabinet Not Hit by Purge of Jews

LONDON, Tuesday (Reuter).—The "Daily Telegraph" reported from Vienna yesterday, "The parade of Hungarian Communists at public functions during the past few days shows that none of the country's leaders, nearly all of whom are Jewish, has yet been struck down in the anti-Jewish purge.

"A presidential board formed last week for the Russian Army 35th anniversary celebrations included three Jewish Communists who had earlier been said to have been arrested. They included Vice-Premier Erno Gero and Deputy Defence Minister General Sandor Nogrady."

The paper said that observers believe that Hungary's present Jewish leadership may, however, be replaced.

'QUEEN ESTHER' IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, Tuesday (UP). —Miss Celia Leon, of Permanbuco, Brazil, was crowned "Queen Esther" at the Israel Embassy's Purim ball here last night. Miss Leon works for the Brazilian aeronautical mission here.

Hakirya: No U.S. Note on Arab College

HAKIRYA, Tuesday. — The Foreign Ministry spokesman today denied a report in this week's "Time" magazine that U.S. Ambassador Monnett B. Davis had submitted a note to the Foreign Minister on recent border incidents and on the occupation by new immigrant families of the Arab college in the demilitarized zone in Jerusalem.

The spokesman said that there had been a continual exchange of information between Israel and the U.S. and between Israel and other countries.

Picture Falsified

It was not customary, it was pointed out, to publish the contents of these exchanges. The breaking of one link in the chain of exchanges, and publication of part of them, falsified the whole picture, the spokesman said.

The "Time" report, moreover, falsified the facts. The evacuation of the Arab College was decided on without reference to the appeals by other states, and the Israel Government knew of no "illegal air sorties" by Israel against Jordan, the spokesman said.

According to "Time" Mr. Davis handed the Foreign Ministry a note expressing American concern "over the recent Israeli forays over the border (which) it could only conclude (were) inspired by calculated Israel policy." A similar, though milder note was handed to Jordan, the report said, adding that this was "the toughest the U.S. had talked to Israel since the war...

"The Israel Government, strongly dependent on U.S. good will and support, kept the note a top secret. But within 24 hours the Israelis evacuated the Arab College and halted the illegal air sorties over Jordan," "Time" added.

Burma Opens Attack Against Nationalists

RANGOON, Tuesday (Reuter). — The Burmese army has launched its biggest offensive against Chinese Nationalist guerrillas in Monghsu state in northeast Burma close to the Chinese frontier, it was announced today.

Their aim is to trap 5,000 Nationalists in a three-pronged assault in the rich "rice bowl" area.

Burma army sources said that General Li Mi, legendary commander of Chinese Nationalist guerrillas, has re-entered Burma at the head of troops re-equipped from Formosa. The 58-year-old general who left the Burmese scene in the middle of last year is now nationalist "shadow" governor of China's Yunnan province, the source added.

(Burma's 'Guests'—P. 4)

No Convertibility Of Sterling this Year

WASHINGTON, Tuesday (Reuter). — Any possibility of the pound sterling being made convertible in 1953 as a result of the economic programme which will be brought here tomorrow by British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden and Chancellor of the Exchequer R. A. Butler, can be ruled out in present circumstances.

Administration and political leaders here have so far failed to come up with even a skeletal

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President Ben-Zvi is to pay a formal visit to Tiberias tomorrow.

Mr. Ewa Varus, Minister to Yugoslavia, left by TWA yesterday on his way back to Belgrade, after attending his father's funeral here. Also aboard the plane was Dr. Moshen Lechtman, assistant director of the National Insurance Department of the Ministry of Labour, who left for the U.S. on a U.N. scholarship for a study visit in connection with industrial accidents.

An exhibition of Israel photographs was opened in Johannesburg, South Africa, on Monday by Mr. Miller, the Mayor, and Mr. C. Hyman, Israel Minister to South Africa. The exhibition, arranged by El Al and held under the auspices of the Israel Tourist Centre, shows photographs taken here last year by Mr. John Vereard, South African camera artist.

Mr. Yisrael Barnea, former Israel Military Attache in Moscow, left for the U.S. by KLM yesterday, for a month's visit in connection with the purchase of equipment and for consultations regarding oil prospecting in Israel.

Mr. Shlomo Kaddar, First Secretary at the Legation in Brussels, returned to his post by Sabena yesterday after a short home leave.

Dr A. Gutshinsky, member of the executive committee of the Farmers' Federation, left for a three months' visit to the U.S. yesterday to purchase replacement parts for agricultural equipment bought in recent years.

Mrs. Aliza Shidlowsky, of the National Council of Jewish Working Women, has returned from a five-month mission to the U.S. and Canada on behalf of Pioneer Women.

Mr. M.W. Locher, manager of the King David Hotel, and Mrs. Locher have returned to Jerusalem after six weeks in England and Switzerland.

Commander Stephen King-Hall, the writer, broadcaster and former M.P. will address the Haifa Rotary Club today. Professor I. Reichert, of the Hebrew University and the Agricultural Research Station in Rehovot, is to speak on "Mushrooms and Poisonous Fungi," at the Rotary Club of Jerusalem at 1.15 today at the King David Hotel.

Mr. Poul J.A. Fabricius, Chairman of the Danish Advertising Association of Copenhagen, will speak on "Current Marketing Problems" at the Journalists' Club, 31 Rothschild Blvd., Tel Aviv, at 4 o'clock this afternoon. The meeting is being held under the auspices of the Israel Advertising Association.

Yehiam Settlement's Fallen Remembered

ACRE, Tuesday. — Over 500 relatives, friends and Western Galilee settlers gathered at the Naharlya Military Cemetery today, the fifth anniversary of the death of 47 men of the convoy to besieged Yehiam settlement.

The mourners travelled to the memorial near Kabri which was put up last year on the scene of the battle. One of the parents and Aluf Moshe Carmel eulogized the fallen. Aluf Assaf Simhoni, Northern Area Commander, represented the Army.

Hebrew U. Honours Bentwich On Seventieth Birthday

The Hebrew University has decided to commemorate Professor Norman Bentwich's 70th birthday by naming after him the reading room in the Law Division of the new building which is to be erected for the Jewish National and University Library.

Professor Bentwich was Professor of International Relations at the University from 1932 until he retired in 1950. He took part in the ceremonial laying of the University's cornerstone on Mt. Scopus in 1918 and four years later joined the committee organized in Jerusalem to promote the establishment of the university. He played an important part in organizing the Law Faculty in 1949.

More Cigarettes, Fewer Smokers

POST Economic Correspondent

NEW brands of cigarettes have lately been appearing on the market, competition between companies has become more brisk and advertisements encouraging the public to smoke more have increased. The cause is a shrinking market for cigarettes and a supply which exceeds demand. This is a position which affects not only the cigarettes-manufacturer but also the government which regards excise — duty on tobacco as an important source of income.

Production in cigarettes during the last six years was as follows:

1947	443 tons (Arab industry excluded)
1948	710 tons
1949	1092 tons
1950	1310 tons
1951	2035 tons
1952	2850 tons

The steady upward trend of the last six years (which was, by the way, larger than the proportional increase of the population) stopped, as the table shows, in 1952. The Government hoped to realise IL.13m. from duty last year but reached only IL.9m. although the tobacco tax was raised three times in this period. Excise income for the last five years was as follows:

1948	IL.1 m.
1949	IL.3 m.
1950	IL.5 m.
1951	IL.8.4m.
1952	IL.9.9m.

Since December 1952 excise duty amounted to IL.800,000 per month. In December excise was raised by 15 per cent, yet in January takings were only to IL.77,000: the fact is that sales are going down. The latest excise increase also brought a change in the manner of taxation. Until then, duty was paid according to weight, whereas now it is assessed according to sales-prices at a progressive rate. This lowered the demand for the more expensive brands and simultaneously brought down excise income.

Factory prices did not rise considerably in recent years as streamlining of production, especially the introduction of packing by machinery, diminished production costs. Prices have been raised by 13.1 pruta for the cheapest brands to 22.4 for the most expensive since 1949. Excise rose by 38 pruta for the cheapest and by 183.8 pruta for the most expensive brands. This helped to shift consumption to the cheaper brands.

A Buyers Market

Cigarettes have never been rationed. It was almost always possible to offer sufficient supply: competition never vanished completely even in the period between 1948 and the introduction of the New Economic Policy. Now, however, the development of a typical buyers' market can be observed and the supply of cigarettes is again so ample that it is possible to keep reserves of tobacco and to look around for export markets.

Seventy to 75 per cent of the Oriental tobacco used in local manufacturing is raised in this country by Arabs in Galilee and in the Small Triangle. The 1948 harvest was lost through the war and that of 1949 was very small. This forced factories which usually keep a reserve in hand to use up stocks and to work with fresh tobacco which impaired quality. The crop of 1950 was better although it did not provide for the entire demand, but in 1952 there was a small surplus yield which enabled plants to build up a reserve once more. Israel uses 2700-2800 tons of Oriental tobacco a year, in the current year diminishing consumption makes it likely that we shall need only 2000 tons. As we are interested in not reducing the area under tobacco, there are plans to look for export markets for approximately 200 tons. This will not be easy as there is no dearth of tobacco on the world market. Israel brands are not well known and moreover not of top quality.

Virginia cigarettes are manufactured from tobacco imported from the United States, South Africa and Rhodesia. The tobacco is imported at the rate of two Israel pounds to the dollar. Experiments to grow Virginia tobacco here have recently begun. The Rehovot Station gives expert advise a group of factories tried growing virginia tobacco on a commercial scale; some kibbutzim tried it too. This sort of experiment takes a long time and quick results cannot be expected. Some progress has however been made and experts are of the opinion that too much hurry will certainly make experiments too costly. Local tobacco can only be mixed with the imported leaves in very small quantities. The area to be planted in 1953 will probably be smaller than that of 1952.

> The cigarette market in Israel is different from that of other countries in one respect. The cheapest box of 10 cigarettes costs 80 pruta, while the most expensive costs 400. This is due to the attempt to keep some brands accessible even to the poorest smoker and has made the difference between the cheapest and the most expensive brands bigger than elsewhere. The number of brands is also larger than in many other countries.

Bank's Accounts Show NEP Influence

The striking effect of the New Economic Policy on Israel's banking business is clearly reflected by the 1952 accounts of the Palestine Discount Bank Ltd. which were recently presented to its shareholders at the annual General Meeting.

The drive against inflation, one of the leading points of the Government in the NEP, led to a small rise in the Bank's deposits, from approximately IL.22m. in 1951 to IL.25m. in 1952. This rise, about 15 per cent, must be compared to the 80 per cent rise noted during 1951. According to current statistics, however, the 1952 rise was proportionally higher than the average increase of bank deposits during the year.

The demand for credits, it is pointed out in the Director's report, grew larger, particularly since the introduction of the three exchange rates in February, 1952, raised prices and production costs. Restrictions placed on granting new credits require that banks maintain a 75 per cent liquidity on new deposits; of these funds, the Government asked banks to lend money to agriculture and other approved enterprises.

Although previously the Bank granted substantial credits to merchants, the Bank now advances more and more money to industrial establishments, semi-official institutions, municipal bodies and Government sponsored projects. Debtor accounts and bills discounted rose IL.10.3m. in 1952 as against IL.9m. the previous year.

A new account, called "Government of Israel Special Deposits," aggregating over IL.2m., was deposited with the Bank on account of the Development Budget for credits to municipalities, public utilities and important enterprises.

"Documentary Credits and Guarantees," which rose by about 70 per cent, from IL.4.3m. in 1951 to IL.7.4m. in 1952, reflected the higher rate of exchange for imported goods and the development of the Bank's foreign business.

The 1952 net profit (including the amount brought forward from last year) was IL.149,467 as compared to IL.133,588 in 1951. The shareholders meeting decided to pay a 9.33 per cent dividend, less 25 per cent income tax, again this year on the IL.1m. share capital. Mr. Haim Carasso, son of the chairman, Mr. Moise Carasso, was appointed a member of the Board of Directors.

Israel Investments

The Israel Investment and Finance Corp. Ltd., an affiliate of the Discount Bank, succeeded in further consolidating its position, the Report states. The company was instrumental in creating the General Tire and Rubber Co. (Israel) Ltd., which started large scale production; the Mehadrin Ltd., which tilled large areas and prepared saplings for spring planting; the Israel Commercial Consortium, which imported raw materials and foodstuffs; and the Israel Fuel Corporation.

Regarding the expansion of its branches throughout the country, it was stated that the Nathanya branch, opened last year, has already attracted many industrial customers. It is hoped that branches will open in Ramat Gan, Petah Tikva and Ramle this year.

Industrialist Wills Bonds to Israel

BOSTON, Tuesday. — A Jewish industrialist, Mr. Solomon Agoos, who died here recently has probably become the first purchaser of State of Israel bonds to leave his bonds — more than $4,000 — as a gift to the people of Israel.

Mr. Agoos in his will directed that the bonds be returned to the Government of Israel rather than be added to his other assets. Mr. Agoos was founder and major stockholder of a clothing firm here.

REVIEW OF YESTERDAY'S PRESS

Arab Rulers Encouraged To Highten Mid-East Tension

Foreign affairs and foreign relations provided the topic for most of yesterday's editorial columns.

Commenting on the frequent clashes along borders, "Davar" (Histadrut) says that there has been a synchronization between the attacks of "young Arab shepherds" (who infiltrated seven kilometres into Israel territories and for two hours exchanged automatic fire with an Israel unit) and the threatening gestures of General Nagib and the concentrated anti-Semitic propaganda by Damascus and Baghdad. The Arab rulers are encouraged by the supply of weapons on the one hand and such gestures as the invitation of the ex-Mufti to visit Russia, on the other, and they believe that they have been given the green light to heighten tension in the Middle East. Israel can only draw the attention of the world to the dangerous situation which has been created and declare her will to defend peace by every means at her disposal.

Arab Aggression

"Hatzofe" (Hapoel Hamizrahi) dealing with the same subject says that Arab aggression which has grown in intensity following recent Communist support, has also been strengthened by anti-Jewish and anti-Zionist elements in the West, who have lately been asking that "Israel should not be given preferential treatment," which means in less prosaic language that the Arab countries should be supplied with arms. The paper says that in this situation we too must enlist all those who are willing to help us to convince those who shape world politics that the defence of Israel is also the defence of world peace.

"Al Hamishmar" (Mapam) on the other hand criticizes recent statements made by the Israel Ambassador in Washington, which, the paper believes have expressed the utter dependence of the government upon the West. At the same time "Al Hamishmar" notes that the U.S. Senate has not been willing to accord the Jews even the status of a people in its resolution protesting against the persecution of religious and ethnic minorities in the USSR.

Both "Kol Ha'am" (Communist) and "Hador" (Mapai) as well as "Davar" ask "Al Hamishmar" why part of the speech by Mr. Y. Riftin, the Mapam Knesset member, at a public meeting last Saturday was not published. Mr. Riftin congratulated the Soviet leaders on the arrest of the Jewish physicians, thus thwarting attempts to murder them.

Moscow Arrests

"Kol Ha'am" (Maki) scores two relevant points in criticizing a recent article by an "Observer" correspondent published in the Hebrew press: according to this source members of the Soviet-Israel Friendship League in Moscow have been arrested and the premises of the Jewish community there searched. The Communist paper corrects the writer, stating that a Soviet-Israel Friendship League has never been allowed to exist in Moscow and the same goes for the Jewish Community as an organizational entity. "Ha'aretz" (Independent) voices doubts with regard to the effects of the protest meeting in Zurich next week against anti-Semitism in Communist countries. The paper says that the majority of Jews in the Soviet Union have become suspect in the eyes of the government and even the decoration awarded to Mr. Ehrenburg or a state funeral granted to the late Mekhlis will not change this indisputable fact. The paper believes that the Russian leaders have taken the possible effects of their anti-Jewish policy into account and a conference will not make them change their line. On the contrary, says "Ha'aretz," this demonstration of Jewish solidarity might provide them with more ammunition for their propaganda.

"Haboker" (Gen. Zionist) calls for personal changes in our diplomatic services to reflect the constitution of the new coalition in view of the fact that in other countries there have also been such changes in recent years. The paper says that our delegation to the U.N. has been appointed according to standard recipe: this is not to cast any aspersions on the ability of the head of the delegation, who, "Haboker" believes is the most competent Israel diplomat. But his burden has been made too heavy by the Government.

AT THE CINEMA

BEETHOVEN was a genius who would require a cinema genius to make a film out of his life story. The Austrian production, French dubbed, "Eroica" (Orah, Haifa) opens with the composer eagerly awaiting Napoleon's entry into Vienna, writing the "Eroica" Symphony in one night in honour of the conqueror, and then, face to face with the realities of militarism, fleeing to the country. There, his various sentimental entanglements enter into the plot. Finally convinced that normal domesticity was not to be his lot in life, he returns to Vienna, family troubles, writing an opera and deafness. Clean, sunlit photography accompanies this arrangement of snippets from the life of Beethoven and excerpts from his music. At moments we feel that we are seeing a great man recognized in his own time, but on the whole "Eroica" is potted art. Only at the end is there any attempt to connect the plot with the theme of the "Eroica," that of surmounting defeat and suffering, and to place it side by side with Beethoven's deafness.

"Mutiny" and "The Count"

"MUTINY" (Armon, Haifa) touches on the delicate subject of the Anglo-American War of 1812. The commander (Mark Stevens) of the American warship runs the British blockade to bring back a cargo of bullion from France. His second-in-command is a British renegade with his lady-love (Angela Lansbury). The renegade is honest but weak: his girl, a bad lot who changes her evening dress in every sequence. The couple seize the ship with the bullion. The ship is recaptured from the mutineers and the lady comes to a deserved end. The renegade redeems himself by embarking with the hero on one of Fulton's submarines, sinking the pursuing British ship but dying at the moment of victory. A complicated mixture of loyalty and treachery. It is preceded by Charlie Chaplin's two reel "The Count" of 1916 vintage but still well worth seeing. Here again is the original Chaplin, always the gentleman, quick witted in dilemma, gallant to the ladies and ruthless with the men, although the end must always be the departure along that wedding road. H.

Arabs Preparing Memo On Abandoned Property

The Arab League is preparing a memorandum to UN and the Palestine Conciliation Commission protesting against Israel's decision to sell abandoned Arab property, the Arab News Agency reports from Cairo. The memorandum is to charge the UN with full responsibility on the question and request that it intervene immediately.

Negotiations between the Arab League and the PCC for the release of all the $6m. in frozen Arab bank accounts in Israel are now in progress. ANA adds that the Arab League estimated the value of property abandoned by Arabs at $2,000m.

FOREIGN MINISTER Sharett is to participate in the ceremonial naming of a Tel Aviv street after Leonard da Vinci at 4 p.m. next Thursday, on the occasion of the 500th anniversary of the painter's birth. The street is at the end of Rehov Yehuda Halevi near Rehov Duhnow.

Tel Aviv Hapoel Win Galilee Run

Tel Aviv Hapoel came first in the third running of the annual Galilee Run, timing 2 hours 18 minutes 24.4 seconds for the 38 km. distance between Mishmar Ha'emek and Tel Hai. Upper Galilee were second in 2:22:13.0, with Emek Hefer, third and Emek Hayarden, fourth.

Each team had 38 runners each covering 1 km. The earlier legs featured a battle between the well known runners David Eisen, of Tel Aviv, and Z. Zadek, Emek Hefer, with the latter reaching the change-over point first. Later Tel Aviv went well into the lead when Z. Barnana passed the baton to Uri Spector 60 metres in front of the next man, with the Galilee team-man making a supreme effort in the 5th kilometre.

By the latter stages, Tel Aviv had established a good lead for the team win, but in the 37th kilometre the Emek Hefer man made an unavailing effort but Uzi Cohen passed him to give Tel Aviv another section win. A. Glick, Tel Aviv's well known sprinter, took over for the last kilometre and won comfortably, with the Galilee veteran, Yosef Drion, one minute behind him, and Degania's gymnastic teacher, Aminur Shapiro, representing Emek Hayarden, a further minute away.

Cup Semi-Final Draw

The draw for the semi-final games of the English F.A. Cup on Monday was: Bolton Wanderers vs. Everton, at Maine Road, Manchester; and Birmingham City or Tottenham Hotspur vs. Blackpool, at either Villa Park or Goodison Park, dependent upon which of the former won the replay. The games are to be played on March 21.

In a mid-week Division I game, Arsenal showed no effects of their loss in the Cup-tie on Saturday and slammed Sheffield Wednesday by 4-1. Centre-forward Holton scored all four goals, two in each half, with Jordan netting for Sheffield in the second period.

Haifa Maccabi Sweep Idelson Run

Haifa Maccabi provided all the winners in the Haim Idelson Run through the streets of Tel Aviv last Saturday (as briefly reported Sunday). The run, organized by Tel Aviv Maccabi North, was held for the 20th time.

In addition to the 3,000 metres stretch which was carried by Haifa Maccabi's Yosef Salma in 8 mins. 37.1 secs, there were two relay events, three times 1000 m. for men and five times 300m. for youths. Over 70 Maccabi runners took part in the race which started at the Independence Gardens in Nordau Boulevard and ended in Yarkon Street near Maccabi House.

The men's relay race provided the closest contest with the Hebrew University team challenging the Haifa men for most of the distance. The latter pulled away to win in 9 mins. 59.6, 57 secs. in front of the University team, who were followed in by two other graduate set-ups.

Complete results were: 3,000m: (1) Yosef Salma, H'fa Macc, 0:37.1. (2) David Habib, T.A. Macc. North, 0:38.8. (3) Shlomo Hasan, J'lem Macc., 0:39.1. (4) Mordechai Beloveshlik, T.A. Macc., 10:41.0. (5) Walter Frankl, University, 10:52.9. (6) David Hazmoni, H'fa Macc. 3 x 1000m: (1) H'fa Macc., 9:58.6. (2) Hebrew University, 10:01.3. (3) University, 10:31.5. (4) University, 10:34.2. (5) Jerusalem Macc., 10:34.5. (6) Tel Aviv Maccabi North, 5 x 300m: (1) H'fa Macc., 9:43.9. (2) T.A. Macc. North "B," 9:48.3. (3) T.A. Macc. North "A," 9:50.0. (4) J'lem Macc., 9:58.8. (5) T.A. Macc.

Holon Hapoel Win Tel Hai Cup

Holon Hapoel beat Tel Aviv Maccabi Hakohav, 66-29, in a basketball tournament at Kfar Giladi on Saturday to win the Tel Hai Cup. Teams from both Hapoel and Maccabi took part.

Gift Boats Launched

Two new boats presented to the Tel Aviv Sailing Club by the Jewish community of Rome were launched and named on the River Yarkon last Saturday. The Acting Mayor of Tel Aviv, Mr. Haim Levanon, performed the ceremony on the first boat, which he named after the late President Dr. Haim Weizmann. The second boat was named after Dante Karlo, well known Italian-Jewish rower who was killed in World War II, and launched by H.E. the Italian Ambassador. After the ceremonies, races were held.

Where to go

JERUSALEM

8.30-12.30: American Library and Reading Room, U.S. Consulate, Mamilla Road. Entrance Free.
9-4: Jerusalem Biblical Zoo Museum, Box 15. Feeding times 3-3 p.m.
9-1; 2-5: Bezalel Museum. Exhibitions: Musical Instruments; Models of Primitive Peoples; Pirtos Soroll.
9-4: Archaeological Exhibition, Dept. of Antiquities, 20 Rehov Salomo Hamelech.
10-1: Shabbetai Tombs.
11.30-12.30: Film Show of Keren Hayesod Head Office.
8.30 p.m.: Ensemble of Collegium Musicum of Kol Israel playing works of McFee, Marcello, Torelli and Geminiani. Y.M.C.A./Auditorium.

TEL AVIV

10-11; 4-7: Exhibition—Chinese and Japanese Art: Water Colours by Kuo-anongti; Sculptures by Asayeh Rassili, Moscow.
10-1; 3-7: Exhibition of paintings, drawings, L. Schwabe Kunst Art Gallery, 17 Reh. Ussishkin.
10-1; 4-7: Exhibition of paintings, Mimia Shoham, Artists Pavillions, 9 Reh. Alhanisi.
5.15 p.m.: 4th Exhibition of paintings by Yehiel Krize at the New Gallery, "Central Building," 84 Allenby Road.
8.15 p.m.: "It'll Be Good" Li-La-Lo Theatre, Rama Hall.

RAMAT GAN

8.15 p.m.: "It'll Be Good" Li-La-Lo Theatre, Rama Hall.

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JERUSALEM: 667 M.; HAIFA: 210 M.; TEL AVIV: 413.5; 31.3 & 212 M.

FIRST PROGRAMME

NEWS: Hebrew: 7, 7.30 a.m.; 1.35, 6.15, 9, 11.40 p.m. Arabic Programme (including News): 8 a.m.; 2.15 & 6.15 p.m.
8.30 a.m. Service. 4.35 Exercises. 4.45 Musical Chest (R). 7.15 Melodies (R). 8.30 Close Down.
12.35 p.m. Music While You Work (R). 11.40 Announcer Course. 12.05 Programme for Hospitals (R). 12.30 Concert Hall: Clarinet Concertos (Weber); Symphony No. 9 (Schubert). 1.45 Programme Announcements. 1.50 Break for Music. 2.00 Close Down.
4.00 p.m. Variety (R). 4.30 Tea Time Music (R). 5.00 Songs (R). 5.45 Children's Hour. 7.00 Variety. 7.20 Programme announcements. 7.30 Talk. 7.50 Classical Request Programme. 7.30 What's On.

SECOND PROGRAMME

News in Spanish. 8.00 "Our Arrival" 8.30 Bible Reading. 8.45 "I Remember..." 9.00 "Focus on Current Questions." 9.30 Vocal Recital: Molly Picker. 10.00 Classical Request Serenade (Mozart); Violin Concerto (Mozart); Overture "Pigott's Cave" (Mendelssohn). 11.30 Close Down.

THIRD PROGRAMME

English News: 1.45 p.m., 12.15 p.m. French: 2.02 p.m.
4 p.m. "Opera" (R). 4.47 Music (R). 5.00 Programme for Youth. 6.30 Music (R). 7.15 Talk. 8.15 Close Down.

KOL ZION LAGOLA (13.5 M.): 11.15 p.m. Newsreel. 11.30 Zionist Review. 11.45 Eal Zion Choir.

ARMY PROGRAMME: (44.4, 31.6, 22.5 M.): 6.30 Opening. 6.35 Recital. 7.00 Programme for Youngsters. 8.30 Music. 7.35 Talk. 8.05 Musical Quiz. 8.30 News. 8.45 Tomorrow's Programmes. 8.50 Folk Dances. 9.00 "Twenty Questions." 9.30 Dance Music. 10.00 Close Down.

B.B.C. HEBREW BROADCASTS: (31.32 & 25.53 M.): 6.30-7.00 p.m. News: Mixed Talks Youth Programme.

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March 2.		Rise or Fall
Govt. Loan		
3½—1955 (reg.)	100½	—
—1955 (reg.)	100½	—
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1949/59 (IL.10)	—	—
1950/75 (IL.10)	97	—
5½% Travel Dollar	103	+12½
3% Nat. Loan (large)	273½	+1c)
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A.P.B. Invest.		
4% Debs. 50/70	94½	—e)
4½% Pref. sh.	95½	—
Ord. sh. "B"	115	—
Gen. Mortg. Bk.		
4% Debs 48/63	83	—
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Bizur Debs.		
4% 46/58	91½	—
4% 56/65	69	—
4½% 52/66 reg.	82	—
Nir Ltd.		
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6% Pref. sh.	61	+2
Pass Debs.		
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P.L.D.C.		
Ord. sh.	179½	—
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Rassco		
4% Debs. 56/63	70	—
6% Pref. Ord. sh.	89½	—
Pal. Potash 6% Pref. sh.	172½	—a)
"A" Ord. sh.	93	—
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Mahoroth Pref. sh.	68	—
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ARNON: The Glass Menagerie.
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Nazareth	23	3	14	15
Haifa	27	5	16	16
Tel Aviv Port	73	11	15	15
Lydda Airport	21	4	11	15
Jerusalem	22	3	3	9
Beersheba	25	7	13	16
Sdeh Boker	29	7	16	19

FORECAST: Partly cloudy with showers at times.

A) Monday at 1 p.m. B) Maximum temp. C) Minim. yesterday. D) Minimum temp. expected today.

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FOUR TONS of cosmetics and four tons of wine were sent to Europe yesterday aboard the s.s. Negbat... 11 TONS of rope were expected to be unloads in the s.s. Constanza from Haifa on Sunday... THREE TONS of wine and one of olive oil were shipped to northern Europe in the s.s. Strabo, and four tons of orange peel were loaded in the s.s. Nahshon for export to Europe... 4,000 CASES of lemons are to be exported to Bulgaria next week.

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THE NAHARIYA labour exchange here was closed yesterday after the two secretaries were attacked by an unemployed man. The secretaries have asked for protection from the central exchange in Tel Aviv.

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THE STRIKE and picket at the Nahariya bus station kiosk was called off on Sunday morning when a compromise was reached with the owner on the payment of sick pay. Charges of assault were withdrawn and the police report that the situation is normal.

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NEW FOOD ration books, simpler in design, are to be issued soon, Ministry of Commerce and Industry sources disclosed in Jerusalem yesterday.

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THE TEL AVIV District Representative issued a licence on January 5 for the publication of a newspaper to be issued three times a week in the Polish language, according to a Gazette announcement of February 26. The newspaper is to discuss art, economics, news and other topics and is to be called "Gales israele."... A LICENCE has also been issued to the Hapoel Hamizrahi Party for the publication of a newspaper thrice weekly in the Hungarian language. The journal is to be named "Derech Amenu" and is to discuss cultural and administrative subjects.

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FOR MARRYING a girl below the legal age, Elias Halon, 22, was fined IL.20 with the alternative of three weeks in prison by the Haifa Magistrate's Court yesterday. He pleaded guilty to marrying Alice Dhabi, in September 1951, when she was only 15 years old.

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HAIFA CUSTOMS police discovered another 150 metres of cloth and other articles of "no great value" in "food parcels" yesterday.

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FOR ATTACKING two policemen in the Jerusalem District Police station, Yosef Fatiti, 20, of Talpiot ma'abara, was sentenced to one month in prison yesterday by the Magistrate's Court.

Hashomer Hatzair "Not Active" in E. Europe

LYDDA AIRPORT, Tuesday (ITIM).—Mr. Israel Barzilai, Mapam leader and former Israel Minister to Warsaw, left by T.W.A. today for Paris, to attend a conference of Mapam commissaries to Western Europe. He pointed out here that there were no Mapam delegates in countries of the Eastern Bloc, where the movement was not active.

Mr. Barzilai said his visit had nothing to do with the imprisonment of Mr. Mordecai Oren, the Mapam leader now in a Prague jail. After the Paris meeting, Mr. Barzilai will visit a number of West European countries.

6056 Wins IL.5,000

Number 6056 won the IL.5,000 first prize in the Popular Loan lottery which took place yesterday morning at Ohel Shem hall in Tel Aviv.

Other winners were: IL.2,500, 148321; IL.1,000, 15834; IL.500 126198, 85677, 140811, 71300.

IL.250: 114377, 29511, 79956, 13449, 98423, 72311, 112868, 142843.

IL.100: 13073, 94891, 121285, 94289, 80213, 13996, 89185, 143184, 7828, 118829.

2 Jerusalemites Burned In Stove Accidents

Two persons were severely burned yesterday in Jerusalem. Cara Husseni, 93, of Nahlat Zion Quarter was enveloped in flames when clothes which she was drying near a primus caught fire. The flames were smothered by a neighbour.

A 86-year-old patient at the mental home in Givat Shaul was burned on both legs when he upset a kerosene stove in his room. (Ptim)

Arab-Jewish Civil Servants Committee

NAZARETH, Tuesday— A nine man Arab-Jewish committee to represent local civil servants was elected here today. The nine candidates, who included three Jews, were unopposed. Their nomination was supported by 130 of the 154 civil servants here, 23 of whom are Jewish.

This is the first Arab-Jewish civil servants' committee.

Better System, More Personnel For Police Urged in Knesset

By SHAYA SHAPIRO, POST Parliamentary Correspondent

Better organisation of the Police Force, more constables and heavier penalties for crimes were suggested by Knesset Members in yesterday's resumed debate on the Police Minister's statement to remedy the low state of morality in the country. The leniency of the courts was again blamed as being partly responsible for the state of affairs and the implementation of death sentences was urged as deterrent of crime.

Minister of Justice P. Rosen, taking part in the debate, said it was unfair to attack judges who could not defend themselves, in the Knesset, on the basis of newspaper reports which were very often incomplete. In the British Parliament, the Courts cannot be discussed at all. Criticism of judges, with the best of intentions, was liable to depreciate the Bench in the public eye, he said.

Many shortcomings of the Police Force were due to its structure, which had not departed much from the days of the Mandate, according to Mr. S.B. Sasson (General Zionist). Police Headquarters were inflated and too many policemen were employed to staff the divisional headquarters, thus leaving too few for active duty. Such a system was natural for a colonial power, interested above all in imposing its policy.

Different Structure Needed

In a country where the population should be expected to cooperate with the police a different structure is imperative, one which would assure greater association between the Police Constable and the citizen. That the Force had failed in securing the cooperation and confidence of the public was a grave liability.

Mr. Sasson also said the Superintendant-General should not have greater authority than the Minister of Police, as was often the case at present.

Israel was harvesting the fruit of unlimited and uncontrolled immigration, said Mr. Eliezar Livneh (Mapai). Fear of punishment was a surer deterrent than social work, he believed. Mr. Z. Aranne (Mapai), pursuing the same line of thought, said judges must be completely unaware of what was going on if they could pass the light sentences they usually imposed for grave offences. The morale of the Police Force, Mr. Aranne said, was good; it was willing to learn and was learning rapidly. He advocated the Force be increased by another 600 constables and the creation of a crime prevention Department.

Other speakers at the session were Rabbi M. Nurock (Misrahi), Mrs. B. Katznelson (General Zionists) and Mrs. R. Tsabari (Mapai).

Mr. Eliezer Peri (Mapam) provided the "entertainment programme" at the session when he produced from his pocket the famous microphone allegedly found in Mr. Meir Ya'ari's desk at the Hakibbutz Ha'artzi premises in Tel Aviv. There was a stir in the house. Mr. Sharl (Mapai) was indignant, Mr. B. Shitreet, the Minister of Police, smiled and asked to be shown "the curiosity," and Mr. Peri obliged.

Winding up the debate Mr. Shitreet related the difficulties of police supervision in a country where there was little stability and people behaved unpredictably. He denied that Headquarters were "inflated" but admitted changes were necessary and said some of them were being gradually introduced. Infiltrators were responsible for many of the crimes, and 2,160 infiltrators were counted in 1952, he said. The value of property stolen by them and retrieved by the police was IL.200,000.

The figure given in his report of 40 per cent of criminals tracked down, was somewhat misleading, Mr. Shitreet pointed out. A truer picture emerges when it is remembered that in serious crimes 85 to 95 per cent were detected, and in the case of murder or robbery 100 per cent of the criminals were apprehended. Where the police failed was the detection of stolen property, thefts and burglary.

The Knesset adopted a laconic motion, proposed for the coalition by Mr. Akiva Govrin (Mapai), stating that the House "took notice of the Police Minister's statement." Mapam, in a separate motion, asked for the establishment of a settlement police, similar to that which existed under the Mandatory regime. The suggestion was turned down, as were political motions by the Communists, the Left Faction and Herut.

Husband on Trial For Murder of Wife

REHOVOT, Tuesday. — Dishevelled and looking miserable and emaciated, Haim Gerhart, 41, sat in dock in the Magistrate's Court here today listening vaguely to prosecution witnesses in the preliminary hearing of the murder charge against him.

He is alleged to have stabbed his wife Dora to death at their home in Yavneh village near here on February 1.

The eight witnesses told a story of violent relations between husband and wife over many years. They spoke of constant quarrels, fights and hysterics.

Two residents of Yavneh were cross-examined by the accused, who appeared without legal counsel, and his questions revealed that he believed his wife to have been unfaithful and to have contracted venereal disease from another man. He stated that he was not the father of his wife's two children.

The accused wept when the knife with which the alleged murder was committed and police photographs of the dead woman were shown in court. He asked the magistrate, Mr. Haim Erlich, for a lawyer.

The hearing was adjourned till March 17.

Jealous Ex-Husband Held for Murder

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — The former husband of Fawzia Mubarak, who was murdered together with her second husband at their home in Jaffa last Saturday, was today charged with the murder and remanded in custody for 15 days by Magistrate Y. Ben Chanoch.

Police have information that the detainee, Ahmed el Kader Jaber of Jaffa, was jealous of his former wife's second marriage and was trying to get her back.

Two other suspects, Mohammed Abu Hassina and Salim Baker, were also detained and each remanded in custody for six days. They too were charged with the murder as suspicion was directed against them for illegal activities carried out together with the murdered man.

'Ground-nut' Scheme Equipment Due Tomorrow

HAIFA, Tuesday.—Some 1,500 tons of pipes, 52 tractors and 1,500 tons of other equipment from the "ground-nut scheme" in Tanganyika are due here in the s.s. Slesvik on Thursday. The tractors and equipment, including cooling machinery, are consigned to Sol'el Boneh, and the pipes to the Jewish Agency.

The vessel will also bring about 900 tons of timber, wool, asbestos, hides and tanning chemicals.

Mr. Michael Comay, Deputy Director of the Foreign Ministry is now in London to settle problems arising out of the purchases.

Among the purchases were some 200 tractors which were later found to be unserviceable. It is understood that after on-the-spot negotiations by an Israel representative tractors in better condition were finally obtained, but the transaction caused some differences of opinion between the Israel and British Governments.

ELATH'S DEVELOPMENT

ELATH, Tuesday. — The development of Elath was discussed here today by representatives of local and Government bodies with the Histadrut Secretariat.

Mr. Z. Oran, Secretary of "Hevrat Ovdim," said that with the opening of Tnuva and Hamashbir Hamerkazi branches, regular supplies for the population were assured. He said that regular transportation was assured by Arkia planes, Yael taxis and Egged buses. Other services provided by the Histadrut were a Kupat Holim clinic and a bakery built by Sol'el Boneh and turned over to the cooperative centre.

He also gave details of the new hotel and rest house to be built by the Histadrut.

The cornerstone for the Histadrut building was laid here today. The nine-room house will contain lecture halls and reading rooms and is expected to become the spiritual and cultural centre of this southern outpost.

Mr. Mordecai Namir, Secretary-General of the Histadrut, said the Labour Federation was proud of its part in the development of Elath.

'Prince' Travels Alone

LYDDA AIRPORT, Tuesday (ITIM). — "Prince," born in Jerusalem 14 months ago, left unaccompanied for the U.S. aboard a KLM plane today. A special berth had been arranged for him in the tail of the plane, and he was equipped with a mass of travel documents, medical certificates and letters of recommendation.

"Prince" is a Doberman dog, owned by Technical Sergeant Richard Miller, of the U.S. Marines, who is employed as guard at the U.S. Embassy here. Sgt. Miller and his wife are returning to the U.S. shortly, but aboard a military plane which is not allowed to carry animals. His owner who wantd to take his pet home with him, therefore had no alternative but to ship the dog by passenger plane and join him in New York later.

RECORD EGG

MERIAH, Tuesday. — A record size chicken egg, weighing 152 grams, was brought to the local Tnuva branch from poultry-farmer village this morning. The average grade egg weighs 60 grams.

The egg was sold by auction for 500 pruts to a Tnuva employee. The money was donated to the Jewish National Fund.

The hen was reported as well as can be expected.

Uniform Water Rate For Israel Studied

Jerusalem POST Reporter

The feasibility of establishing a uniform rate for water throughout the country will shortly be determined, Mr. I. Rokach, Minister of the Interior, reported yesterday at a meeting of the Jerusalem branch of the General Zionists.

Following complaints that Jerusalem residents were forced to pay higher rates than other parts of the country, the Minister said, it was decided to appoint a committee to study the overall problem. He added that the Mekoroth Water Co. had been requested to submit a report of its activities and the basis of its price calculations.

Free Enterprise Needed

Mr. Rokach emphasised he felt the Capital's economic ills could best be solved by "its citizens and free enterprise." He expressed regret that the Municipality, business circles and residents had not done enough to attract a greater number of tourists for a longer period. Tourism could be a key industry if properly encouraged, he said.

The security authorities had voiced anxiety at the possible effect of the relaxed exit visa arrangements on the draft, he reported, and a conference has been scheduled to discuss the issue.

Mr. Haim Arlav, MK, declared that despite the existence of a Mapai-General Zionist committee to study the formation of new municipal coalitions, none had thus far been established.

A survey of the reorganization of the Ministry of Interior was given by Mr. A. Moyal, Director-General.

Remanded for Molesting His Grand-daughter

PETAH TIKVA, Tuesday. — Zvi Hurevitz, was today remanded in custody for 15 days by a local Magistrate on a charge of molesting his two-and-a half year old granddaughter.

The rape was allegedly committed last Tuesday at the detainee's home at 128 Rehov Stand here. Hurevitz tearfully refuted the charge against him, claiming that he had been "framed." He is the owner of a shop in the Marketing Centre here.

SUMMER TIME

Summer time is to start on April 11 and continue until September 13.

Krupp to Get Back Holdings Today

MUNICH, Tuesday (AP). — Alfred Krupp, whose family armed Germany for three wars, is to sign an agreement with the Allies tomorrow guaranteeing never to acquire a controlling interest in German coal, steel or iron industries. In return Krupp will regain his confiscated properties estimated to be worth between $150m. and $300m.

Krupp will agree to sell his coal, steel and iron properties, worth an estimated $47,600,000, but he will be permitted to keep other holdings worth more than $95m. These holdings will still make him one of Europe's greatest manufacturers of steel products. They include everything from pots and pans, through pipes and plumbing, trucks and locomotives to the world's largest ocean-going tankers.

All Krupp's properties, once worth nearly $56m., were confiscated by the Allies when Krupp was convicted of war crimes by a U.S. Tribunal in Nuremburg in 1948 and sentenced to 12 years in prison.

The former U.S. High Commissioner for Germany, Mr. John J. McCoy, freed Krupp from prison in 1951 and restored his property rights. Ever since then the Allies have negotiated over the terms on which he would get his property back. Two American lawyers, Mr. Joseph Robinson, of New York, and Mr. Earl Carroll, of San Francisco, put through the agreement finally accepted and will sign on behalf of Krupp tomorrow.

Old City Refugees Flock To Register for Israel Offer

Arab refugees are flocking to the distribution offices to obtain forms for the release of frozen bank accounts in Israel, "Falastin," the Old City daily, reports.

"A-Diffa," the other Old City daily, reports that several Arab refugee committees have cabled the Arab League and the governments of the Arab states that they fear refugees who fill out the forms may lose the right to make future claims. A lawyer, Hassan Habib Hawah, writing in the paper, suggests disregarding the forms unless their text is altered to guarantee future claims.

Reuter reported for Nicosia that Barclay's and Ottoman bank branches in Cyprus and all Arab countries of the Middle East yesterday started accepting claims from Palestine refugees for their holding in Israel banks.

SENATE UNIT SUGGESTS ARAB REFUGEE PROBE

WASHINGTON, Tuesday (UP). — The Senate Judiciary Committee yesterday asked for $50,000 to investigate the Palestine Arab refugees problem. It approved a resolution authorizing the inquiry.

The decisions must be approved by the Senate Rules Committee and by the Senate itself.

INFILTRATOR SENTENCED

NAZARETH, Tuesday. — An infiltrator who crossed the border from Jordan on February 3 was sentenced to 10 months imprisonment by a military court here today. The court also fined three persons from IL.5 to IL.15 each for travelling without military permits.

Wins Libel Suit Against Publishers of Begin's Book

A former member of the Palestine Police has successfully brought a libel action before Mr. Justice Lynskey of the Queen's Bench Division in London against the publishers and printers of "The Revolt" by Mr. Menahem Begin. The plaintiff, Mr. Geoffrey Jackson Morton, now resident in Nyasaland, was in charge of the CID in the Jaffa-Tel Aviv area in 1947 and commanded the police detachment that captured Abraham Stern. Mr. Begin, leader of the Irgun Zwai Leumi, wrote that Stern, unarmed, was fatally murdered by detectives.

Counsel for the plaintiff said that it was a rule of the Stern group that its members should always go about armed and that Stern himself had publicly boasted that he would never be taken alive. After capture he made a dash for liberty and was shot dead by the plaintiff.

"The Revolt" was published in England early last year.

As soon as the libel was brought to the defendants' notice, they withdrew as many copies of the book as they could. They unreservedly apologized to Mr. Morton and agreed to pay him a substantial sum by way of damages and indemnity him as to costs.

(The Times)

Hakirya Confirms Prague Extradition Request

HAKIRYA, Tuesday. — An exchange of notes between Israel and Czechoslovakia on a Czechoslovak Government request for the extradition of Jacob Kozielczyk on charges of alleged war crimes was confirmed by the Foreign Ministry here today. Previous statements that nothing was known here of this matter resulted from a misunderstanding.

A statement issued by the Foreign Ministry tonight read: "In fact there has been an exchange of notes on this subject with the Czechoslovak Legation in Tel Aviv which was informed in January that the competent legal authorities, having thoroughly examined the matter, did not consider that evidence sufficient to satisfy the requirements of the Extradition Ordinance that had been submitted and that the Czechoslovak request did not otherwise comply with the requirements of that Ordinance.

Glubb Touring Border Regions in 'Triangle'

General John Glubb, Commander of the Arab Legion, has been touring the armistice lines along the "Triangle" during the past two days according to "Falastin," the Old City daily.

Speaking in Nablus on Monday afternoon, he explained to a gathering of Members of Parliament and other notables the situation along the armistice lines. General Glubb promised that the Arab Legion would pay for part of the cost of maintaining the National Guard for the defence of the border regs.

None of the Amman or Old City newspapers, nor any of the Arab broadcasting stations referred yesterday to the two incidents in the Hebron district over the week-end when seven armed infiltrators were killed inside Israel territory by Israel Army patrols.

RAINFALL FILLS NEGEV RESERVOIRS

BEERSHEBA, Tuesday (ITIM). —The recent rains have filled up storage reservoirs in the northern Negev and settlements in the area have been able to irrigate their lands with the water thus saved.

At Revivim, 100,000 cubic metres of water have gathered in the local reservoir there, while 40,000 cubic metres have been stored at Sde Boker. In Kibbutz Mashavim torrential rains tore down an embankment and flooded 100 dunams of crops.

Rains Damage Syrian Crops

Heavy rains and storms in the past three days caused extensive damage to crops in southern Lebanon, the Near East Arab Broadcasting Station reports from Beirut. Snow fell in southern Jordan, according to "Falastin."

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Dutch Floods Wasted 5% of Nat'l Wealth

THE HAGUE, Tuesday (Reuter). — One hundred thousand persons were evacuated from Holland's flood stricken areas where 1,500 died last month, an official survey disclosed yesterday. More than 9,000 houses and farms were either destroyed or badly damaged, it revealed.

The survey — the most complete issued so far — said the job of restoring the flooded land would take at least two years.

Holland's economic position, which had shown such a striking improvement, had been dealt "a severe blow" the survey said. Damage was estimated at roughly 1,000m. guilders — five per cent of the national income. A total of 162,000 hectares was flooded, including 141,000 hectares of farmland — 5.7 per cent of Holland's entire agricultural area. Twenty five thousand head of cattle, between 13,000 and 20,000 pigs, 2,000 to 3,000 sheep and 1,500 horses were drowned.

Highest Water Level

Professor Johannes Thyssa, Director of the Hydraulics laboratory here, said yesterday that the water level at February 1 was the highest Holland had ever experienced, with the possible exception of the 1570 catastrophe.

The Professor, a member of Holland's new expert commission to discuss anti-flood measures, referred to the alternatives of strengthening and raising 1,000 kilometres of dykes or of going ahead with the much-discussed mammoth plan of joining the estuary islands in the stricken Southwest and so shortening the coastline. "The biggest project of its kind ever attempted".

Speaking as an optimist, construction work might take 12 years, he added.

French Clear Vital Road in Indo-China

SAIGON, Tuesday (Reuter). — French forces have put to flight a battalion of Communist-led Vietminh forces in a sweep to clear the road from Saigon to Cap Saint Jacques, some 30 kilometres to the southeast, a French army spokesman said today.

The French and their allies had lost one dead and 20 wounded in the sweep, begun on February 25.

The spokesman said he thought that the road, which had been in rebel hands since 1945, would be cleared within a month, but several months would pass before it was in condition for traffic.

Vietminh control of the road had forced the French to supply their many isolated jungle outposts in the area by air or river.

Commercial Jet Crash Kills 11

KARACHI, Tuesday (UP). — A Canadian Pacific jet airliner crashed and totally burned when taking off from here this morning. The crew of five and six passengers were killed.

It was the fourth crash suffered by commercial jet planes, but the first with fatalities. The plane was on a flight from London to Sydney.

The Comet was the first of two jets ordered by Canadian Pacific Airlines for its Sydney-Honolulu service. The jet service was scheduled to start April 28.

QUEEN MARY ILL

LONDON, Tuesday (AP). — Queen Grandmother Mary was under doctor's care tonight for a stomach ailment. Some concern was felt in the Royal Family in view of the Queen's age—she will be 86 in May—but her condition was not regarded as critical.

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Cables in Brief

VIENNA. — A gas explosion rocked a Soviet dental laboratory next to the Russian-occupied Hotel Imperial in the international sector of Vienna on Monday night causing damage but no casualties. The Russian permitted the Vienna fire brigade to put the fire out but refused them permission to investigate.

CHANNEL. — Allied Supreme Headquarters in Europe have approved a French architect's plan for a rail tunnel under the English Channel, it was learned in Paris yesterday. The British government is not thought to favour the plan at present.

RUBBER. — The sale to private interests of the American Government's vast synthetic industry built during the war was recommended yesterday by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. The Corporation administers the industry's 26 plants which have an annual production of 800,000 tons of general purpose rubber and 90,000 tons of butyl rubber.

FOG. — The worst March fog for many years hit Britain yesterday, blacking out airports, halting shipping and reducing road transport to a crawl.

Egypt Initials Trade Pacts With E. Germany, Libya

CAIRO, Wednesday (Reuter).— A trade agreement between between Egypt and East Germany was initialled here today.

The agreement provides for exchange of Egyptian cotton, phosphates and onions against East German machinery, electrical appliances, chemicals and fertilizers.

Cairo Radio heard in London said last night "responsible quarters" estimated the value of the agreement at "several million pounds."

A Belgian delegation arrived today for talks on resuming trade between the countries.

PAKISTAN-SAUDI TREATY

KARACHI, Tuesday (AP). — A Treaty of Brotherhood and Friendship between Pakistan and Saudi Arabia came into effect this morning when instruments of ratification were exchanged between the two Governments. The Treaty was signed in Jeddah last November.

SAUDIAN CONSULATE FOR OLD CITY

Jordan has agreed to permit Saudi Arabia to open a consulate in the Old City, "A-Diffa," the Old City daily, reports. At present, the only Arab country which maintains a consulate in the Old City is the Lebanon.

JORDAN'S POTASH

Mr. Eugene R. Black, President of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, yesterday met representatives of the Jordan Government to discuss the possibility of granting a loan to exploit the potash deposits of the Dead Sea, Radio Ramallah reports.

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J'lem Council Blamed for Faults In Municipal Administration

Jerusalem POST Reporter

The Jerusalem City Council was charged with denying the municipal administration trust, cooperation and encouragement by Mr. A. Franco, head of the administration, who testified before the Jerusalem Enquiry Commission yesterday.

He repudiated a general accusation of corruption against his co-workers, but said that certain isolated cases had come to light and were awaiting investigation.

Mr. Franco, who has served the municipality for 32 years, urged cutting the number of council committees to nine and giving departmental heads more authority, as had been proposed at an earlier hearing by Dr. P. Yacobi (Progressive). This would help to reduce the size of the Council's agenda, he said. He cited the case of an official on whose dismissal both the council and department heads had agreed. The official was still at work eight months later because the subject had not appeared on the agenda.

Pension Should Be Fixed

Pensions and compensation should be fixed for the municipal staff, Mr. Franco said, and both a supervisor of municipal property and a personnel chief should be appointed.

Disorganisation reigned in the municipal treasury because the departments did not centralize their finances. Mr. Edwin Samuel's report of 18 months ago had recommended centralization, but his advice had not been taken. Mr. Franco denied that the administration was overstaffed; the Samuel report had not questioned the number of municipal servants, and compared with Haifa and Tel Aviv their number in Jerusalem was less. At the end of the Mandate, Jerusalem employed 893 workers, and at the end of 1952 — despite the enormous increase in the population's needs — only 1,154, including sanitary workers.

The enquiry commission then divided into two sections: Messrs. Yanovsky and Amir, at their own request, heard the testimony of the City Treasurer, Mr. I. Boury, in closed session; Justice Cheshin, and Messrs. Goldschmidt and Yanovsky heard the head of the Education Department, Mr. M. Attias.

Mr. Attias called on the Government to help in the education of the city's children. Until April, when all teachers' salaries will be borne by the State, the Jerusalem Municipality will have to continue paying 30 per cent of the salaries, instead of the 20 per cent originally fixed as its contribution. Mr. Attias asked the Ministry of Education to revert to the former proportion of 30 per cent both for this month and retroactively.

Backward children in Jerusalem needed more schools and the general lack of school premises could be made up by other institutions vacating buildings owned by the municipality.

While the Commission was in session, 16 municipal sanitary workers demonstrated in the Mayor's office, protesting against their dismissal. They had been removed from their jobs, along with some 100 other municipal employees named in a list drawn up by the municipal coalition, but not endorsed by the local Labour Exchange or the Histadrut.

THE HISTADRUT school in Holon will be named after the late Mayor, Dr. Haim Kugel, who founded the school three years ago. The long avenue leading to Holon from the Jerusalem road will also be named after the late mayor.

Personal Notices

MR. & MRS. CHANOCH GASSNER have pleasure in inviting their relatives, friends, and acquaintances to the BRITH MILAH OF THEIR SON on Friday, March 6, 1953, at 10 a.m., at their residence: 11/27 German Colony (Cafe Peter), Jerusalem. This is the only intimation.

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PROTEST AND APPEAL

LITTLE as we know about Jewish life behind the Iron Curtain, we may assume that some Jews will have celebrated Purim this week in more than one place and in their own way. It is not difficult to imagine what their thoughts were when they listened to Mordecai's impassioned plea: "If you keep silent at this time"..." An echo of that plea, which was also a warning, will be heard at the meeting in Zurich where Jews from many countries will raise their voice in protest against the defamation of the Jews, of Zionism and of Israel, and against the only too apparent plan to erect a new pale, an ideological enclosure so far but not less humiliating and more dangerous perhaps than its Czarist model.

It is one of the misfortunes of the Jewish people that throughout their history they have had to protest so much — and so often, alas, in vain. Are there no other causes, the nations will ask, which must provoke similar protests and equally justified; and are we not, it will be added, fully engaged in dealing with other peoples' troubles, from Korea in the East to Tunisia in the West. The world has changed since the days when the United States refused a loan to Russia because of its discrimination against Jews, or when Britain displayed her navy to protect a single British Jew of Greek descent. The Jews themselves have changed too. They have learned that appeals to world conscience are of small avail if they are backed by nothing more than moral arguments. At the most, the protest will be registered, subscribed to by a number of more or less influential individuals and organizations, and there the matter will be expected to rest.

Yet, it cannot and must not be allowed to end there. If the answer of the outside world is "Non possumus," the Jewish people themselves must make a supreme effort to overcome the deadlock. However fantastic and hopeless it may seem, the only constructive answer to the problem can come from Moscow. The whole history of the Soviets provides abundant evidence that Zionism and all it stands for does not fit in with their concept of a New Order, and that Moscow will brook no compromise between the "international" Jew and the Red International.

This being so, the Soviets will in the end — an end the beginning of which we are witnessing — have to decide on one of two solutions: either to adopt the Nazi recipe of liquidating the Jewish population, under the guise of deportation; or by allowing emigration of those of its Jewish citizens who wish to leave. Despite all appearances, and however much one may condemn the Soviets' way of thought, it is difficult to believe that anything amounting to "genocide" could enter their minds. But they will not hesitate, as we have seen during these thirty years, to liquidate any persons or groups thought to be standing in their way, Jew or Gentile, and they seem to find it useful to emphasize the Jewish bourgeois and cosmopolitan character of this or that group of "spies and traitors." As for the great mass of the people — and here is one of the danger spots — they will not, of course, notice the difference. Once the green light has been given, they are sure to turn on the outlawed Jews.

What, then, can be the answer but the same which history — that great task master of Soviet theory — has given again and again, and which — at a high price, to be sure — even some of the Satellites have accepted not so long ago: It is summed up in the ancient appeal: Let my people go! It would be useless to suggest that the appeal should be answered on sentimental grounds. But in the context of their own treatises it seems not only logical for the Russians to let the Jews go; it may have advantages in other directions as well.

Whatever the Russian reaction may be, two things will be made clear at Zurich from the outset. This is not an issue between Israel and the U.S.S.R. over an internal affair of Russia's concern; and that Jewish representatives are taking counsel for defensive and not aggressive action.

MRS. MYERSON IMPROVES

PETAH TIKVA, Tuesday. — The condition of Mrs. Golda Myerson, the Minister of Labour, has improved greatly and she should be out of Beilinson Hospital here shortly, it was reported today by the Minister's physician. Mrs. Myerson was confined for treatment and observation last Friday.

KOUMINTANG TROOPS DISMISSED BY CHIANG

Burma's Unwanted Guests

By RAWLE KNOX

KENTUNG (Burma)

THE 7,000 men of General Li Mi's 93rd Kuomintang army division, who have been marauding in Eastern Burma ever since they were driven out of Yunnan by the Chinese Communists, have been more active in the last two months than in the whole of the past three years.

On the northern border of Kentung, the Shan State in which they have made their headquarters, Kuomintang troops have in the past week attacked and seized several Burmese villages and small towns. They have probed around Loilaw, capital of Karenni State. And further south in the Moulmein area they have joined hands with the Karen rebels to attack Government convoys and defended posts.

Chiang's Statement

So far General Chiang Kai Shek has not made clear how his announcement that all military and civil officers serving outside Formosa must consider themselves dismissed, will affect General Li Mi. Chiang Kai Shek subsequently amended his statement by saying that officers who could show they had been actively working for the Kuomintang would be re-instated.

Li Mi is believed to be in Bangkok, where he has made a protracted stay, and Kuomintang troops in Burma are now under General Lui, his second-in-command. They have made no serious attempt to cross the China border since last October. But experienced diplomats both here and in Rangoon believe that while Kuomintang troops in the Karen areas are helping to finance themselves by smuggling opium, those in the north of Burma are trying to establish bases for yet another attempt to cross back into Yunnan. All their attempts to date have met with ignominious failure, but it certainly seems likely that Generals Li Mi and Lui intend once again to call Chiang Kai Shek's attention to their efforts.

From Rangoon, the Burmese Premier, Mr. U Nu, is reliably reported to be most distressed at the American decision to remove all obstacles in the way of raids on the Chinese mainland from Formosa. Amid the thunderous publicity of this American decision, Peking's Ambassador in Rangoon has again formally asked what Burma proposes to do about the gad-fly Ninety-Third Division.

Evacuation Proposals

In Government circles in Rangoon recently, I was given to understand that Burma contemplated reviving the proposal first quietly mooted in Mr. Malcolm Macdonald's office here a year ago of giving Kuomintang troops a safe-conduct through Burma if the United States would provide ships to carry them to Formosa.

This plan originally met with three obstacles. Burma would only accept the passage of the Kuomintang troops through Rangoon unarmed. Thailand would not permit their passage through her territory and out via Bangkok. The United States announced that she was unable to prevail upon Chiang Kai-shek to accept the return of Li Mi's men. Though, owing to its extremely delicate position, the Burmese Government's view may have changed on this matter, it is not likely that anyone else's has.

While a year ago the air-strip at Monghsat, the small Kengtung town where the 93rd Division has its headquarters, had only once been used, now, according to the Burma War Office and observers on the spot, Dakota aircraft arrive from Bangkok regularly. Supplies of all kinds (which the Burmese Government firmly believes to come through an independent American agency in Bangkok) have been greatly increasing, thus enabling the Kuomintang men to make local assaults on Burmese towns instead of merely foraging for food. It would seem that until the Burma Army becomes strong enough to throw them out, General Li Mi's men are there to stay.

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SOVIET POLICY SPARKS RISE IN CONTRIBUTIONS

Big Increase in U.J.A. Revenue

By JESSE ZEL LURIE

NEW YORK, Feb. 25. — THE United Jewish Appeal campaign for 1953, which was inaugurated at a record-breaking conference in Miami two weeks ago, is proceeding at an accelerated pace, Dr. Joseph Schwartz, Executive Vice-Chairman, told the press today. "While it is too early to make any predictions of a final sum," he said, "there is no doubt that we will raise considerably more than last year."

Dr. Schwartz made the following points to substantiate his optimistic prognosis: Increases in individual contributions by "big-givers" at the Miami meeting ranged from 20 to 300 per cent and showed a "basic average increase in contributions of 20 per cent over a year ago."

The campaign has started earlier than in previous years. Many communities already have 20 to 30 per cent of their money in, and the "level of giving is uniformly higher than in the first period of fund-raising one year ago". In every community Dr. Schwartz has visited this year, he found "a genuine determination on the part of both the communal leadership and the average contributor to do more and give more in the face of the terrible crisis that now confronts us".

Targets Raised

Several important communities, translating their anger against Soviet anti-Semitism into action, have raised their goals since the first of the year. Los Angeles set a target of $5.8 m. in January. This month they raised it to $8m. Similarly, Pittsburgh has increased its goal. In Cleveland, the campaign executives proposed a goal to the organizing meeting. The usual procedure is for the rank and file to pass the proposal or cut it. This year, after a few stormy speeches from the floor, the meeting decided that the community can raise more money than the leadership estimated.

All of these increases should go to the UJA, as they are being made under the impact of world events, Dr. Schwartz said that the UJA has been more successful than usual in "pre-campaign budgeting," which means pre-campaign promises by the welfare funds of a fair share to the UJA. Dr. Schwartz said that he has negotiated some increases, and no community has cut the UJA share.

Mrs. Rosensohn's Letter

The majority of the communities, many of whom put the major burden of decrease in revenue last year on the UJA, have not as yet adopted a pre-campaign budget. Some refuse to do so on the principle that local budgets cannot be cut — salaries and expenses of local institutions are fixed and must be met by the community — so that if the campaign does not meet its goal, non-local beneficiaries must bear the loss.

All Zionist organizations this week sent letters to their chapter and district heads asking them to cooperate with the UJA representatives in securing equitable allocations from the local welfare funds. A letter from Mrs. Samuel J. Rosensohn, national president of Hadassah, to local presidents said in part:

All of us agree that the needs of the local Jewish community are very important. On the other hand, the needs of Israel at this particular moment are so great and so urgent that strenuous efforts must be made on your part to see that Israel's share in the contributions of your community is commensurate with the emergency.

The dreadful threat to the Jews behind the Iron Curtain confronts us with a new and terrible danger. If, as we earnestly hope, Jews can be rescued before it is too late, it is up to us to see to it that Israel has the means to absorb them. In deciding between local community expenditures or taking the risk that Israel may have to curtail her work of rescue, rehabilitation and settlement, it seems to us that there is no choice. The dollars sent to Israel at this particular moment may literally spell the difference between life and death for many thousands of our fellow Jews.

An attempt to save the Jews of Eastern Europe by demanding action of the Asia bloc — the so-called neutrals between East and West — was broached publicly yesterday by Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the American Jewish Congress, at a meeting of his national executive committee. Urging action by India, particularly, he said, "No nation can be neutral when fundamental human rights are violated and when lives of entire groups are threatened".

PATWA Aids Integration

By MONICA BAT-HAVA

AN applicant for an administrative job in the Government recently wrote to P.A.T.W.A through whom he was hoping to get the job, that he was quite aware that he could not expect the equivalent of $1,000 per month... Dealing with such enquirers represents one aspect of P.A.T.W.A.'s work.

Founded as an organization to help Anglo-Saxon immigrants to settle down in this country, P.A.T.W.A. (Professional and Technical Workers' Aliyah) unlike the various Zionist movements in England and America, does not attempt to attract people to come out here, but works as an advisory body giving information about professional prospects once they arrive.

In the overseas offices of the organization, people are required to be registered members of P.A.T.W.A. before they receive help, but here it is generally accepted that anyone who is looking for work, and has the suitable qualifications can walk into the Society's offices to be given a friendly reception and advice. Inevitably the society has undergone a great many internal changes since 1948, when there were few openings for professional men and women of any kind, and the most usual procedure was to join a settlement and work on the land.

'Practical' Professions

During the five years which saw the creation of a civil service, communications and municipal authorities, P.A.T.W.A. has found may openings for their applicants: until the recent period of unemployment, there was no problem in finding work for anyone. Most difficult to place are, and have always been, those with "traditional" professions: lawyers, administrators and scientists who work in pure research, rather than in applied science; those who wish to come, are always advised to embrace a practical profession.

For an engineer or any technician with English or American training, there is no difficulty at all: civil engineers particularly get jobs straight away. Teachers applying in the early summer for a post in the following school year generally find jobs with ease. In the period from June 1949 to October 1952, 399 people were successfully placed by P.A.T.W.A., making an average of 100 persons per year which they are hoping to maintain. Of P.A.T.W.A. members who come here, some 40 per cent of Americans stay and the rest go back within a year or two, while over 90 per cent of the English Aliya settles down successfully, and none of those returning home do so for lack of suitable work. Asked to account for this astonishing difference in percentages, Mr. Shiffrin, head of the pleasant Rehavia Office, could not suggest any answer.

Helping with Hebrew

As most Anglo-Saxons work in the Civil Service or some other office where their knowledge of English is appreciated, P.A.T.W.A. staff keep in touch with the Jewish Agency (under whose auspices they work in any case), and of course with all technical projects and undertakings. They also contact numbers of private firms, and sometimes advertise in the local press. This method of making contact is fairly new for the office, as the shortage of work had not been felt up till now. Good results are being obtained in this way.

Another of P.A.T.W.A.'s activities is helping newcomers to learn Hebrew. In some cases they have even arranged to send people on courses immediately upon arrival. For those coming from England, loans to pay for an Ulpan are occasionally negotiated in view of special difficulties; (special permission is needed from the Bank of England to take more than £25 out of the country). Harry Sable, director of the London office, gives information and help on this subject; he generally advises applicants to go to kibbutzim for courses.

Housing Handicaps

In general, members of PATWA are satisfied with the organization's work. The staff are helpful, pleasant and cope with a variety of problems: they even do their best to house new immigrants, a problem which they consider fundamental for those coming from places where the standard of living is comparatively high. At present there are negotiations with the government for several blocks of flats to be built in Jerusalem, where living quarters are to be let on a monthly rental basis. A great deal depends on whether the Government can contribute to building costs, for while many Westerners are willing to adjust themselves to the food situation and other discomforts most young couples (as many P.A.T.W.A. members are) insist on having their privacy and are not satisfied with sharing kitchens and bathrooms with neighbours.

A building to house bachelors was recently opened by the Jewish Agency in Tel Aviv where new immigrants from Anglo-Saxon countries can live cheaply, either in single rooms or small dormitories. It is hoped that a similar hostel will be opened in Jerusalem later in the year.

For most people the move to Israel involves a great deal of expense in the way of equipment (household and sometimes profrasional) as well as the fare. Most of them cannot, on top of this, afford to spend several thousand pounds to pay for a flat, and to save the required amount would obviously take a number of years.

Men and Things

AMONG the sprites which reside invisibly in and about the universe, keeping a pied a terre in the breasts of mankind, there is the Elf of the Belly Laugh. Only too often, alas, he overstresses cruelty as an ingredient in comedy, but now and again he will stage a piece in pure geniality.

Last week, for instance, the Spanish port of Palamos was visited by a British vessel devoted to the highest interests of marine safety. The Blue Coral was in fact fitted out to display British radar equipment at its most efficient. Last summer she cruised the Scandinavian waters for the same purpose, and now she was visiting Mediterranean harbours. Britain, foremost in radar development, is naturally desirous of turning that invention against dangers at sea. The Spaniards, ever since the time of the Armada, have regarded Britain as one of the major perils of the deep, and the inhabitants of Palamos were no doubt strangely stirred by thoughts of scientific marvels as the Blue Coral made fast.

With her had arrived a promise of safety and comfort to mariners under every flag. Tranquilly the evening passed into night; but before dawn the Blue Coral had caught fire, burned out, and sunk in 55 foot of water. The entire crew, proponents of scientific security, escaped in their pyjamas. Full fathom five their radar lies, of its valves are coral made—blue coral, most likely. One can see the warm-hearted Spaniards, rigging out their guests in emergency trousers, and leading them for a restorative afternoon at the bull ring; whilst the Belly Laugh, having finished for the time with Palamos, looked in at London where underwriters were thoughtful over some new arithmetic.

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MUSICAL DIARY

JOSEF Tal's symphonic cantata "The Mother Rejoices," based on "Hannah and her Seven Sons" (from Bialik's "Books of Legends") in a recording from Kol Zion Lagola, for soloists, chorus and orchestra, created during the War of Independence, is a 15 minute composition of utmost concentration. There is a striking contrast between pagan praise and the Jews' Hallelujah choirs. This exciting piece of music is dramatic in its rhythmic restlessness and modern in the best sense of the word. Never before have we heard so inspired and moving a work by this extremely gifted composer.

The world premiere was performed by the Kol Yisrael orchestra and the Kol Zion Lagola chorus; piano-solo: Meir Harnik; vocal soloists: Sara Lash and Ephraim Wagner; the composer himself conducted.

Karel Salomon's "Nights in Canaan," in a recorded performance by the Stockholm Radio orchestra, conducted by George Singer, was broadcast by Kol Yisrael last Saturday morning. These symphonic sketches have folklore echoes in a popular style.

FRANGO

In Haifa

HAPPY children's faces, brightly coloured fancy dress as we see in the streets at Purim, came into their own at the Orah Hall on Saturday in a performance by pupils of the Miriam Bat-Artzi Ballet Studio. Traditional ballet is the basis of Bat-Artzi's training; she has many gifted pupils.

Outstanding among the group was ten-year-old Judith Katz, excelling in "Queen of the Waltz," in "Gallop" and as "Snow White." She is technically well equipped and has an inborn sense of rhythm and music. Besides two scenes from "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs," in which Sylvia Benjamin danced a grotesque stepmother there was a pleasant "Dutch dance," a "Waltz Composition," a "French Polka," a "Mazurka," a "Dancing Doll" delicately stepping out of a box of chocolate and a "Russian Medley," danced by the group of pupils and little soloists in costumes designed by Bat-Artzi, who also proved her talent as choreographer.

Observing her demonstration lesson in which girls between the ages of four and 12 participated, we learned something of her methods. The appearance of little six-year-old pianist Yonah Pamposch, not mentioned in the programme, who played the Chopin Nocturne in B major and Valse in C sharp minor was a charming surprise. She had to be lifted on two cushions on to the piano chair by her father, but felt completely at home with her performance and grown-up artists might envy this small colleague for her self-assurance — and the tremendous applause. F. Dura acted as narrator, and Artur Sawady was an ideal accompanist. — At the end Miriam Bat-Artzi thanked the audience from the flower-covered stage on the occasion of the tenth anniversary of her studio.

G.W.-B.

Note: The concert of the Haifa orchestra in honour of President Ben Zvi was sponsored by the Haifa Municipality and the B'nai B'rith Lodge.

Prize For U.N. Symphony

A special prize of IL.500 for a new musical composition devoted to the idea of the United Nations has been announced by the Rinat Ha'ame Association (Arts Department). The winning entry will be performed at the time of the Conquest of the Desert Exhibition on the special UNESCO Day.

The composition, the length of which is to be from 15 to 20 minutes, must be a symphony for orchestra and chorus, the text to be from Isaiah Ch. 2 "And it will come to pass at the end of days..." Entries must be submitted by May 1. The panel of judges is: G. Singer, M. Tauber, E. Kaplan, Y. Sovine, Y. Sharett and M. Avidom.

The prize is the first to be granted by this special fund set up by the Rinat Ha'ame Association for original Israel musical creations.

Further details are available from the League of Composers, 6bis Bialystock Ha'ame.

Readers' Letters

ELECTRICITY RATE

To the Editor of The POST

Sir, — The tariff of the Palestine Electric Corporation contains the provision that every household is entitled to a certain amount of current at the basic rate. Although it seems obvious — at least according to the rules of equity — that this current at the basic rate will be supplied every month, this is an implication because the tariff itself does not specify the period during which it may be used.

Of late the P.E.C. has collected its dues every second month. This procedure has met with widespread discontent for various reasons, but consumers have apparently not realized that only one unit of the amount of current to be supplied at the basic rate was deducted from the two-month bill although one should expect that a double amount would be due. In this manner the consumer pays the full quantity of current used every other month at an increased rate.

It would be desirable if the new law allowing the P.E.C. a further increase in rates would clearly state during which period a household is entitled to its quantity of current at the basic rate.

Yours, etc.,
K. L.

February 11.

P.E.C. Replies

To the Editor of The POST

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The reason for our recent practice of collecting every second month is the considerable saving of labour and expenses thereby effected, from which the consumer ultimately benefits.

Yours, etc.,
The Palestine Electric Corporation Ltd.

Jerusalem, February 27.

ONE-WAY STREET

To the Editor of The POST

Sir,—I wish the Minister for Communications would pay an unescorted visit to Tel Aviv and try to drive through the town. Under the present system of one-way streets, no driver can make his way without a terrific waste of time, energy, petrol, and tyres.

One-way traffic is an excellent institution where there are two parallel arterial roads but the indiscriminate blocking of a city like Tel Aviv overburdens main roads. Another source of confusion is the division of the same road into different sections: one section being one way, another the other way and the remainder both ways. Furthermore, many one-way signs follow each other so that driver ends up where he started. For example, a driver in the middle of one-way Sheinkin Street, wishing to reach Ben Zion Boulevard and King George Avenue naturally turns off to the left at Feierberg Street. But at the end of this street there is a one-way sign which forces the driver into Melchett Street. And at the end of Melchett Street there is a one-way sign which forces the driver back into Sheinkin.

Yours, etc.,
Sara MORKOVITZ-VARKONY

Tel Aviv, February 19.

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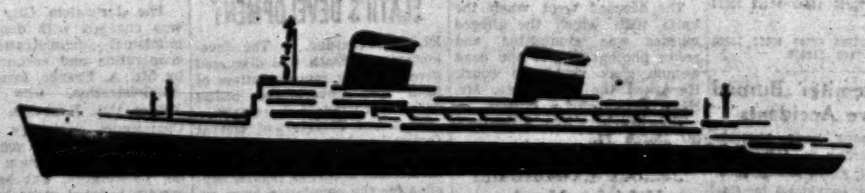

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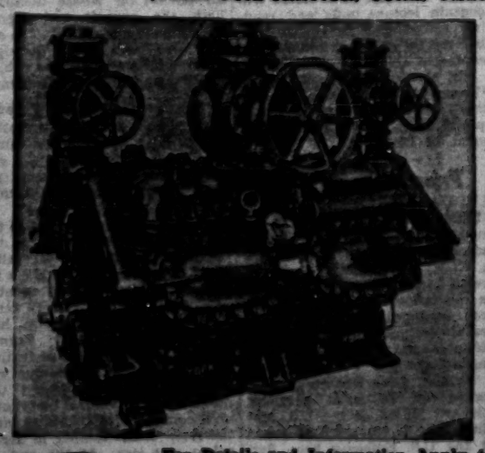

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